

REMARKS

This Amendment is submitted in response to the February 21, 2007 Office Action issued in connection with the above-identified patent application. Claims 1-12 and 18-23 have been amended as set forth above and claims 13-17 and 24-25 have been canceled. No new matter has been added. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner review and consider the amended claims in view of the following remarks.

In the Office Action, the Examiner has objected to the Abstract. In response, applicants request that the Abstract be replaced with the substitute Abstract submitted herewith. It is believed that the substitute Abstract overcomes the Examiner's objections.

Also in the Office Action, the Examiner has objected to claims 8-21 and 23-25 as being in improper form. In response, applicants have amended these claims (with the exception of claims 13-17 and 24-25 which are now canceled). Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner reconsider claims 8-12, 18-21 and 23.

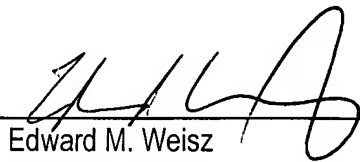
Claims 1-7 and 22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite because of the presence of various terminology, such as, for using a broad range or limitation together with a narrow range or limitation, for using the phrase "and/or", and for lacking antecedent basis for certain terms. The Examiner also stated that such rejections also pertain to claims 8-21 and 23-25. The Examiner indicated, however, that claims 1-7 and 22 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. In response, applicants have amended the claims as set forth hereinabove to address the indefiniteness rejections and to conform the claims to customary U.S. practice. It is believed that the claim amendments address all of the Examiner's comments and do not affect

the scope of the claims. All pending claims should now be in condition for immediate allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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